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Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
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Dear Mr. Snow,

The Princeton-Codora-Glenn and Provident Irrigation Districts would like to submit the following comments regarding the CALFED Revised Phase II Report. These Districts are comprised of approximately 30,000 acres located immediately west of the Sacramento River in Glenn and Colusa Counties. The Districts are very concerned that not enough attention is being given to new storage, that too much focus is being put upon land retirement, and that area of origin protection for northern California water rights is being infringed upon.

Water interests in the north state have already lost water due to implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and the Endangered Species Act, we must have assurances that new storage will be addressed immediately. We have listened to comments about the implementation of increased water conservation and land fallowing before the issue of new storage will be considered. Water conservation is already being practiced and if new storage is not made a high priority in the CALFED process, California will face extreme water shortages in the not too distant future. New storage will give us a more dependable water supply in addition to providing increased support for environmental needs by improving local instream flows, improving Delta inflow and outflow, and producing water for downstream or export users. Population and industrial growth are ever increasing, putting greater demand upon our finite supplies of water. Common sense dictates that more storage must be built, conservation is not the only answer.

The issue land fallowing to create new sources of water has a devastating impact upon both the social and economic health of northern California. This area is dependant primarily upon agriculture and its related industries for its survival. Any loss of productive lands brings about a loss of jobs and revenue to many already economically depressed areas.

Northern California water rights and area of origin laws must be recognized and respected in this CALFED process. Development and growth of the north state was built upon and continues to depend upon our water supplies. Do not attempt to sacrifice the survival of one area in order to promote growth in another area of the state.

We urge you to consider our critical concerns as you attempt to refine a solution for the environmental and water supply problems in the Bay-Delta. We in the north

state need assurances that additional water storage will be built and that we will have the water supply reliability that is so necessary for our survival. The north state environment and economy can not be sacrificed to improve the Delta and south state water supplies.

Sincerely,

Fance Boyd